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Cumberland, (Md.) Aug. 31, 1822.

A NUMBER of ministers and lay-delegates having arrived at an early hour, the Rev. A. Reck, delivered an edifying discourse; text, Mark xv. 2.—Rev. J. Winter, delivered a sacramental discourse in the evening; text, Exodus xiv. 15.

September 1st.—The secretary delivered the pastoral sermon; text, 1st Timothy iv. 16.

A. A description of the duties, incumbent upon ministers of the gospel.

B. A statement of facts, which should excite them to the faithful performance of such duties.

C. An appeal to the laity.

The Rev. F. Heyer, then delivered an address upon the subject of the Lord's supper, which was administered by him to the ministers and lay-delegates. The secretary assisted by Rev. C. Krauth, then continued the administration thereof, to many citizens of Cumberland. The greatest solemnity prevailed; many silent tears flowed; every countenance gave evidence that the heart felt. May lasting impressions have been made.

In the afternoon, the Rev. H. Græber preached; text, Matthew xii. 31. The reverend president, then delivered a very edifying discourse, and dismissed the congregation.

The Rev. B. Kurtz, delivered a discourse in the evening; text, Hebrews, iv. 13.

By particular request, discourses were delivered in the Methodist church, by our brethren, Meyer-affer and Kehler; texts, 1st Cor. ix. 24, Hebrews iv. 9.

Sept. 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.—The members of the Synod, assembled in Mr. Heyer's church; when, after singing a hymn, an appropriate prayer was offered to the throne of grace, by the President.

CLERGY PRESENT.

Rev. Daniel Kurtz, D. D.—Baltimore, Md.
Rev. John Grob—Taneytown, Md.
Rev. David F. Schaeffer, A. M.—Frederick, Md.
Rev. Abraham Reck—Winchester, Va.
Rev. Geo. H. Riemenschneider—Rockingham Cy. Va.
Rev. Benjamin Kurtz—Hager's-town, Md.
Rev. Michael Meyerheffer—Harrisonburg, Va.
Rev. Frederick Heyer—Cumberland, Md.
Rev. Henry Grœber—Uniontown, Md.
Rev. John Kehler—Madison, Va.
Rev. C. P. Krauth—Martinsburgh, Va.
Rev. Samuel S. Schmucker, A. M.—Newmarket, Va.
Rev. Jacob Schnee—Middletown,
Rev. John Winter—Creagerstown.

The Rev. Messers. F. Osterloh, I. Kriegler and L. Mayer, being regular members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, were unanimously admitted to all the prerogatives, which members of this Synod enjoy, for the present session.

LAY-DELEGATES.

The following gentlemen were qualified and took their seats, viz:—Jacob Danner, Taneytown; John Ebert and John Fesler, Frederick; John Albert, Hagerstown; col. John Rush, Harrisonburg; John Rice and Jacob Uhl, Cumberland; Henry Cramer, Uniontown; Moses Weaver, Madison; Jacob Bishop, Martinsburg; Frederick Eichelberger, Creagerstown; Jacob Koller, Middletown.

Agreeably to the constitution, the Synod proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were re-elected, viz:—

Daniel Kurtz, D. D. *President.*
David F. Schaeffer, A. M. *Secretary.*
Abraham Reck, *Treasurer.*

The Rev. Messers. G. Flohr, J. Herbst, M. Sackman and F. Haas, members of this Synod, were absent.*

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*The constitution requires, that every member shall attend each Synodical meeting in person, or transmit a written apology and a list of his baptisms, &c. The Rev. M. Sackman, was prevented from attending by indisposition, but wrote to the Synod an affectionate and satisfactory letter. The Secretary received a letter from the Rev. G. Flohr since the adjournment of the Synod, in which he states his bodily infirmities to be such, as to render it impossible for him to travel, but earnestly desiring to continue a member. His letter was dated, August 26, but according to the postmark, was not received in the office, before September 11. From Mr. Herbst, nothing has been received; Mr. Haas wrote to the Secretary since the adjournment of the Synod, and says he was prevented from attending by sickness in his family.

The Rev. Mr. Gerhard of the Reformed church, and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy of the Presbyterian church, were introduced to this Synod and received the usual attentions.

Resolved, That if any of our brethren, residing near the limits of this Synod, feel desirous to attach themselves to this Body, and obtain permission from the Synod of Pennsylvania so to do, they may be received as regular members.

The following letters were laid on the table, viz:—

No. 1. Letter from Williamsport.
2. Sundry letters from Rockingham.
3. A letter from Creagerstown.
4. A letter from Peter's church.
5. Letters from Mr. W. Keil.

No. 1. Referred to the ministerium.
2. Relates to the affairs of the Rev. Riemenschneider.

Resolved, That in compliance with the advice of the General Synod, this Synod will reconsider the case of the Rev. Riemenschneider, on to-morrow.

3. Contains an excellent recommendation from the cougregation at Creagerstown, for the Rev. Mr. Winter, with expressions of gratitude to the Synod, for placing him among them.

4 & 5. Referred to the ministerium.

The Parochial Reports were called for, and stand as follows:

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Names of Ministers.	*Baptisms.*	*Confirm'd*	*Communicants.*	*Funerals.*	*Congreg.*	*Names of the several Congregations, or of their places of situation.*
D. Kurtz,	85	- -	207	68	1	Baltimore.
I. Herbst,	*Not*	*re-*	*port-*	*ed.*	4	Manchester, the others not known by the Secretary.
I. Grob,	76	82	871	7	3	Taneytown, Emmitsburgh, Petersburg.
D. F. Schaeffer,	180	57	556	39	1	Frederick.
F. Haas.	25	- -	120	16	4	Woodsborough, Rocky Hill, Haugh's Apples.
G.H. Riemenschnid.	*Not*	*re-*	*port-*	*ed*	4	Frieden's, Emanuel, Keinart, Pick Mount.
M. Sackman,	52	26	86	33	3	Loudon, Faarquahr, 3d not reported.
A. Reck,	64	13	528	17	6	Winchester, Newton, Strasburgh, Jarredstown, Green Springs, Yakely's.
B. Kurtz,	207	73	911	35	4	Hagerstown, Beard's, Funkstown, Smithstown.
M. Meyerheffer,	156	110	456	24	4	St. Johns, Union, Salem, Picket Mountain.
F. Heyer,	97	87	456	11	8	Cumberland, Bedford Valley, Comps, Uhls, Greenville, Yough Glades, Germany, George's Hill.
H. Græber,	60	15	506	29	3	Benjamin, St. Mary's, Barts.
I. Kehler,	39	7	55	13	1	Madison.
C. P. Krauth,	78	14	121	12	3	Martinsburg, Shepperdstown, Smithfield.
S. S. Schmucker,	25	48	135	8	3	Newmarket, Mount Pleasant, Solomon's.
G. Flohr,	81	20	186	9	6	Names of his Congregations not reported.
I. Schnee,	48	77	252	2	4	In 5 months—Middletown, Zion, Ringer's, Sharpsburgh.
John Winter,	36	67	220	5	1	Creagerstown.
W. Keil,	*	- -	- -	- -	3	Old Furnace, Lockmiller, Capne.
M. Kibler,	*	- -	- -	- -	3	Armentrout's, Peter's, Hawksbill.
F. Rothrauf.	*	- -	- -	- -	2	Williamsport, Fiery's.

* Licensed as will be seen.

Note 1. The preceding congregations are all regularly organized and established: Beside, there are about twenty-seven posts, at which different ministers preach regularly; but as they are not organized under regular council. they are not termed congregations.

2. Dr. Kurtz, Grob, Graber and Schaeffer, administered the Lord's Supper at three different seasons. The Rev. B. Kurtz, Meyerheffer, Reck and Winter at two, and the other brethren returned the number of communicants at one season.

3. The number of congregational schools, increased somewhat, but it was pleasing to hear, that sunday schools increased rapidly, many of which, flourish in a high degree. In the city of Baltimore, 150 scholars, Frederick 137, Hagerstown 142.

Prayer by Mr. Kehler.—Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by the Secretary.

The Secretary of the Committee, appointed at the last Synodical meeting to draft a form of discipline, to be introduced into the congregations under the jurisdiction of this Synod, reported, that they met at Winchester on the 5th of March last, and by the aid of God, (whose guidance they implored) performed the task assigned to them. He now submitted a form of a discipline to the consideration and examination of the Synod. The Synod expressed its gratification, with the attention and industry displayed by the committee upon a subject of such vital importance to our church, and immediately commenced the examination thereof, until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Grob.—Adjourned to 4 o'clock, Sept. 3d.

This evening, the Rev. C. P. Krauth, delivered a discourse from Romans i. 16.

September 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.—Prayer by Mr. Reck.

The affair of Mr. Riemenschneider, was referred to a committee for investigation, with instructions, that they report the important points thereof, together with the general facts, as early as practicable. Messrs. Heyer, Schmucker, Fesler and Eichelberger, compose the committee.

The form of discipline, was again taken into consideration, and the Synod was incessantly engaged with an examination thereof, until half past 1 o'clock, when a motion to adjourn to 3 o'clock, P. M. prevailed.

Prayer by Mr. Kriegler.

Three o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Mr. Osterloh.

The examination of the discipline was continued until 6 o'clock.

Messrs. Schnee and Albert were appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, and it was agreed to adjourn to September 4th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Mr. Schnee.

This evening, the Rev. Kehler preached; text, Acts xii. 31. The pastor loci, then stated, that the Synod would probably adjourn on the next day, and the ministerium having considerable business to transact, would most probably be in session until a late hour; and, that therefore, no discourse would again be delivered by any of his brethren. He concluded with a fervent prayer, for the Church of Christ at large, his fellow-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord and the people of his charge.

Sept. 4th, 8 o'clock, A M.—Prayer by Mr. Riemenschneider.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported: That they found them correct, and that $116 33 remain in the Treasury.

The committee appointed on the affairs of Mr. Riemenschneider, *Reported,*

1. That upon a minute examination of the evidences produced by Mr. R————————, they are decidedly of opinion, that his dissatisfaction with the decision of the last Synod, is without the least foundation, and that the first resolution upon the subject, (as on record,) is correct and ought to continue in full force.

2. That as regards the second resolution, they recommend as an amendment, "That it would have been more expedient, if the Rev. Meyerheffer, had not officiated in the Picket Mountain congregation, before the Rev. Riemenschneider resigned it, and a regular call had been made to the Rev. M————, by the congregation." The Report was adopted unanimously.

The Rev. J. Reily, of the Reformed church, was introduced, and received as a delegate of said church.

The examination of the discipline was closed. The Secretary then read it as amended, and on motion, it was adopted *nem. con.*

Resolved, That it it be carefully revised by the President.

Resolved, That it be submitted to the consideration of the next General Synod, and that it be obligatory upon each member of this Synod, to prepare the minds of our people, for its acceptance.

Rev. B. Kurtz, stated, that he received 25 copies of the minutes of the Reformed church, for distribution among the members of this Synod.

Resolved, that this Synod entertains a high respect for the Synod of the German Reformed church, and that 25 copies of the proceedings of this Synod, be presented to it, as an evidence of our desire to continue the good understanding, now happily existing between the respective Synods.

The Rev. Messrs. B Kurtz and D. F. Schaeffer, a committee appointed by the last Synod, to proceed to Georgetown, and to enquire into the state of property, belonging to the Lutherian of the District of Columbia, made report, that they had attended to the subject.

Resolved, That the same brethren and our worthy President, be a committee, whose duty shall be, to proceed to Georgetown, there to pursue such course, as they may deem expedient and ne-

cessary, to promote the interest of the Lutherans in the District of Columbia, and to secure to them all the property to which they are entitled.

Resolved, That it be the duty of our brethren, Schaeffer, Krauth and Schmucker, occasionally to officiate at Georgetown.

The Rev. S. Schmucker, offered for consideration, the expediency of providing funds for the purchase of books, to aid indigent students in acquiring knowledge. The practicability thereof, he demonstrated by his success in making the attempt, which was ordered to be recorded.

From a lady unknown,	*dolls.* 10	Miss Steinberger, -	*dolls.* 5
Mrs. Allison, - -	5	Miss Williamson, - -	5
Mrs. Schmucker, - -	5	L. Pitman, - - -	3
Mrs. Blackford, - -	3	Mr. Rips, sen'r. - -	2
Mrs. Strayer, - - -	3	Mr. Rips, jr. - - -	1
		Total,	*dolls.* 42

Resolved, That the Rev. Schmucker, and the above donors merit the thanks of this Synod, and that their example ought to be imitated, by the ministers and members of our church.

Resolved, That the President and Mr. Schmucker be a Committee, to apply the monies above stated, for the purpose intended.

After a desultory conversation, the following resolution was adopted, *nem. con.* "That a committee be appointed, to be stiled "The Bibliothecal Committee," whose duty it shall be, to devise plans, and make arrangements to facilitate the distribution of the most valuable theological works among our clergy, on the cheapest terms, as well as to attend to all other business relative to books, which the Synod may, from time to time, commit to them."

Resolved, That Dr. Kurtz, B. Kurtz and D. F. Schaeffer, compose the committee.

It having been stated, that in several districts, a considerable number of Lutherans resided, who could not supply themselves with a minister of the Gospel, it was Resolved, That the President appoint one of our brethren a missionary for three months, to such districts of our country, and with such instructions, as he may deem expedient.*

The following contributions, for missionary purposes, and to aid indigent students and widows, were received by the treasurer.

Dr. Kurtz,	*dolls.* 10
Rev. Mr. Grob,	3
D. F. Schaeffer,	13
A. Reck,	18 50

* It is with much pleasure, that we can inform our brethren, that our worthy brother Reck has been appointed, and cheerfully accepted of the appointment.

B. Kurtz, 27 70, in Hagerstown 11 dolls.—Funkstown,
M. Meyerheffer, 17 50 [3 45 dolls—Beards 8 25 dolls.
F. Heyer, 7
H. Græber, 7 8
J. Kehler, 12 50
C. P. Krauth, 10 75
S. Schmucker, 12 40, Newmarket 6 40 dolls.—Mount Plea-
I. Schnee, 10 [sant, 6 dolls.
John Winter. 10—dolls. 159 43 Total sum.

It is confidently hoped, that the ministers and congregations connected with this Synod, will exert themselves to increase their contributions toward this fund, and that those who were absent, will without delay transmit a small contribution either to the Secretary or Treasurer. It is the duty of every minister, to use his influence among his people to excite them to aid in sending out to the hungry, spiritual food, in preparing servants of the Lord, and in contributing some relief to those families, whose head was a public servant of the Lord.

The subject of a union with the German Reformed Church, was introduced and is considered as one of great moment by this Synod, meriting the attention of the General Synod.

The Secretary reported, that he attended the last Synod of Pennsylvania, as delegate from this body; that he presented said Synod with several copies of the proceedings of this Synod; that he was affectionately received, but, that no delegate had been appointed to attend to this Synod.

It being half past 1 o'clock, the Synod adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Mr. Heyer.

Three o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Mr. Graeber.

The minutes of the General Synod, were now taken into consideration. The following resolutions were passed unanimously.

Resolved, That we regard the first session of the General Synod, with feelings of the deepest interest, and consider it as an event, which in the gracious providence of our God, will have the most auspicious influence upon our Church, and for which we desire to offer to the throne of Grace, our warmest feelings of gratitude and praise.

Resolved, That our delegates, who shall represent this body at the meeting of the next General Synod, shall propose to that Synod, and use their influence, to have passed the following resolutions, viz:

1. That a committee of three be elected, (of which the President of the General Synod shall be a member ex-officio) who shall be entitled "The committee of Foreign Correspondence.

2. That this committee shall enter on, and maintain a correspondence in the name of the General Synod, with the principals of the Lutheran Church in Germany, Denmark, Sweden and particularly with the directors of the orphan-house at Halle and the principal of the University at Gottingen.

3. The subject of this correspondence shall be, to communicate and obtain correct information, relative to the spiritual prosperity of our church, in the several empires, kingdoms and places above mentioned, to promote the unity of the church, and to invite the prayers and exertions of each other, for the prosperity of the church of Christ in the world.

4. That this committee report at the meeting of every General Synod.

5. That from the reports of this committee, extracts shall be given and printed in the minutes of the General Synod, and that from the letters, &c. correspondence and all authentic sources, an account of the state of our church throughout the world be published.

6. That the expenses of this correspondence be defrayed from the treasury of the General Synod.

The recommendation of the General Synod, (page 10, paragraph 5,) was taken into consideration, and the following resolution, adopted without a division, viz:

"That no young man shall be admitted to the study of theology, unless he has obtained a diploma or similar testimonial from some public institution, in which the usual branches of science are taught, or shall on examination by a committee appointed for the purpose, be found possessed of such literary attainments as the Synod shall deem sufficient.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, D. F. Schaeffer, John Ebert, Esq. and John Albert, be our delegates to the General Synod, which is to meet at Fredericktown, on the 3d Sunday of October, A. D. 1823.

Resolved, That in the event of one or more of our delegates being absent, he or they who may be present at the General Synod, shall have full power to elect others, in their stead.

Resolved, That the Secretary add to our minutes, extracts from the minutes of our sister Synods, and such other information of the state of our church, as he may deem interesting.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish this Synod with a copy of the pastoral discourse, delivered by him on Sunday morning, in order that it be published with the proceedings of this Synod.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Synod be printed, viz: 250 copies in the German, and 300 in the English language.

The Synod having by unremitted attention, transacted its business, the time and place of the next Synodical meeting was determined by ballot, viz:—Shepperd's-town, Va. on the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1823.

The President closed the Synodical Sessions with prayer, and discharged the lay-delegates.

Five o'clock, P. M.—The ministerium proceeded immediately to business.

Mr. Martin Kibler and Mr. William Keil, offered themselves for examination.

Rev. B. Kurtz and F. Heyer were appointed to examine said gentlemen.

Rev. B. Kurtz, stated, that Mr. Frederick Rothrauf late a student of Dr. Lochman, would have applied for license, and submitted to an examination before this Synod, but, that indisposition prevented him from attending, and requested the Synod to appoint a committee to examine Mr. Rothrauf at Hager's-town, to which place he would endeavor to come.

Resolved, That the Secretary and Rev. B. Kurtz, be a committee to examine Mr. Rothrauf, and that they be authorised to grant him licence, if they shall deem him sufficiently qualified.*

It being 7 o'clock, an adjournment for one hour was agreed to.—Prayer by Mr. Reck.

Eight o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Mr. B. Kurtz.

Upon the report of Messrs. B. Kurtz and F. Heyer, it was Resolved, That Mr. Kibler, be licenced for one year, to continue under the directions and rescrictions prescribed to him at the last Synod.

2. That Mr. Keil, be licenced for one year, under the directions of the Rev. Mr. Reck, and to prosecute the study of the languages.

Several charges preferred against the Rev. Mr. Riemenschneider, were examined; and, upon mature deliberation, full discussion, and an ardent desire to do justice consistently with duty, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, viz:

That it is the unanimous opinion of this ministerium, that the Rev. Mr. Riemenschneider has acted injudiciously and unclerically. 1. By misrepresenting the directions given to the Rev. Mr. Meyerheffer by the Synod of Pennsylvania, respecting the Picket mountain congregation. 2. By making appointments for his son to preach, after having received from the Secretary, a copy of the resolution passed upon the subject at the last Synod, in which the Synod highly disapproved of said act. Therefore, without proper concessions and promise of amendment, the Synod cannot hereafter, consider the Rev. Mr. Riemenschneider a member thereof.

The Rev. Mr: Riemenschneider, having been convinced of his error, made ample concessions and satisfactory promises. The same was affecting; he was embraced by all the brethren present, and he is hereby continued a member of this Synod.

Several subjects of minor importance, were considered and acted upon, and it being near eleven o'clock, P. M. it was resolved to adjourn. After singing a hymn, the brethren on bended knees, joined their worthy President, in prayer, and bid each other adieu.

This Synod will long be remembered, by those who attended it. A diversity of opinion upon important subjects, very naturally ex-

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* Mr. Rothrauf has been examined and licensed under the direction of the Rev. B. Kurtz, for one year.

ists among men. Thus a diversity of opinion existed among the members of this Synod, upon some subjects. Each gave his opinion freely, and was gratified to see it well recieved. Thus the Synod was enabled to view every subject in all its parts, and upon all subjects of importance, to decide unanimously.

The accounts of the state of religion in the congregations, within the jurisdiction of this Synod, were generally flattering and encouraging. Although no very uncommon revivals were noticed, yet in a number of the congregations, different persons have been convinced of their natural depravity—have humbly sought mercy at the feet of Jesus and continued faithful in the service of their Lord. Among the younger members, a considerable number, are determined to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. Several very interesting accounts of a serious change among them, have been received, and for our encouragement, may be hereafter more particularly noticed. Upon the whole, it is evident, that the cause of Christ has been gaining considerable support in our Lutheran Zion. The wholesome doctrine of the Divinity of our Saviour, is inculcated by every minister of this Synod.

The citizens of Cumberland received the members of the Synod, and a number of strangers, who attended the sessions, with great kindness, and in every instance exerted themselves to render their stay agreeable. May the seeds that were sown among them, by the different messengers of grace, who officiated, be quickened by spiritual rain, aud bring forth fruits plentifully.

Attest,

DAVID F. SCHAEFFER, *Secretary.*

The Secretary would be happy, were it in his power, to add copious and interesting extracts from the minutes of the different sister Synods, agreeably to a resolution passed for the purpose. But, it being the wish of the Synod, that these minutes be published without the least possible delay, the Secretary was induced to prepare them for the press, before he received the minutes of the other Synods, excepting those of Pennsylvania.

The Lutheran church in the U. States, is governed by five independent Synods, viz: The Synod of Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New-York, Maryland and Virginia, Ohio. A General Synod was formed, Anno Domini, 1820, composed of delegates elected by the respective Synods, and, as the Synod of Maryland and Vir-

ginia has expressed itself, it is an event which will have the most auspicious influence upon our church, every interesting information, will be transmitted to the General Synod, and thus in the course of a few years, every individual member, will be enabled to know the state of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States and Europe.

The Synod of Pennsylvania is the largest body, being composed of about 80 ministers. The congregations within its jurisdiction are numerous and large. At the meeting of the General Synod for 1821, it was reported, that the Synod of Pennsylvania, had on record for 1 year 5268 baptisms—that from certain data, at least 4500 persons were confirmed—26,860 communed—1,625 buried. The number of congregations in Pennsylvania, is not stated.

The Synod of N. York is a very considerable body, and from all accounts, the congregations with in its jurisdiction are increasing. In the city of York, the Second Lutheran Church is nearly completed, and is to be consecrated to the service of God, some time during the ensuing winter. The Synod of New-York comprises the several northern states and a part of Canada. In their minutes of 1821, the number of congregations, baptisms, &c. is not stated.

The ancient Synod of North Carolina, under all the difficulties it has to contend with, from an opposition to the General Synod on the part of certain persons, formerly in connection with regular Synods, still flourishes. According to their last minutes, about 600 were baptised, among whom were 47 adults, about 250 were confirmed and 108 persons of different ages buried. The number of their communicants is not stated.

From the Synod of Ohio, no correct report has been obtained of late. This Synod misconceived the object of the General Synod, and opposed its organization ; but, as its clergy are numerous, and a respectable delegate has been appointed by the Synod of Pennsylvania, to attend the next Synod of Ohio, it is hoped that his explanatory remarks upon the subject, will remove every erroneous impression, said Synod entertained.

There are a number of ministers and congregations in the southern and western states, who are Lutherans, but not in connexion with either of the Synods. Thus in the state of Georgia, at Ebenezer, a Lutheran congregation is still in existence. The Secretary has received letters from the minister thereof, but cannot now make extracts. The minutes of the next General Synod, will contain a pretty extensive history of the church in the United States, which the Synod of Maryland and Virginia, will certainly notice.